## Ban Wants Cleveland Men To Own Indians---Sullivan Arranges For Tour

## HOME OWNERSHIP IS WANTED BY JOHNSON FOR CLEVELAND CLUB

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

With Charles W. Soners practically forced to sell his holdings in the American League, President Ban Johnson has wicely declared that he leans toward Cleveland ownership of the Indians and is now endeavoring to interest certain Sixth City capitalists in the project to take over the franchise and players. A. V. Cannon and George Steele, bankers and members of the committee in charge of Somers' affairs, have been named by President Johnson to find Cleveland backers for the ball club

Just what price is demanded for the holdings is not known. It is variously stated to be between \$400,000 and \$750,000. The correct figures lie probably between these extremes, but will surely range close to half a million. It has been agreed between the 'cague officials and the bankers' committee that if after a reasonable time no Cleveland capital is discovered sufficiently interested to buy the club, outside capital will be sought.

Several wealthy members of the Cleveland Athletic Club, headed by W. E. Telling, an ice cream manufacturer and backer of the Telling-Strollers, a strong semi-pro team; and Ben Hopkins, the Cleveland subway promoter, are said to be trying to form a syndicate to purchase the club. If they succeed, Billy Evans, the American League umpire, may be named as manager for 1916.

#### JOHNSON LEAVES CLEVELAND.

President Ban Johnson left Cleveland, to play left field in his short trial last last night, satisfied that he could do no Merito Acosta-Still a kid, and just as more until next week. He will give Premising now as in 1913—that's all Peurs Rondeau—Marvel in Minne-necessary capital to purchase the In-

dians before turning it over to outsiders.

Although he has come forward with a denial. Ed Gwinner, the Pittsburgh Federal leaguer, is said to be willing to take a chance with the Indians, using some with Buffalo or Minneapolis next year. chance with the Indians, using some of his own Federal League players to

club, if he falls to obtain the New York Giants. However, the American League is hoping that Messre, Cannon and Steele will find Cleveland backers for the project. It is the policy of the league to have the clubs all owned by

Pan Johnson believes that the race in If his team to will be a hummer in 1916, and does not at all agree with those who product a three-cornered affair amon-Beston, Detroit, and Chicago. The 'big conversed with a Cleveland writer the other day, and didn't hesitate to speak his thoughts as tollows: I look for the kind of a race in

and you never can tell what he has up interests in Indianapolis, he also would be willing to get out of baseball if the offer from Sinclair is inviting enough.

Chance of having to guess again.

becoming a star before October, 2016. George Dumont-Same stuff as for

is taken seriously.

Joe Boehling 10 he sticks can pitch

Charlie Humphreys - Humphreys. had shape up.

Humphreys, whozee?

John Henry-One of the class of the league and certain to uphold his repu-Williams-Slowing up rapidly,

though may last out another year or

tushes nor so promising a candidate for tay Morgan-Probably won tree.
the Nation's Capital next stammer.
George McBride-Griff needs some brings in that infield, and George Sussible all that Eddle Foster down't.

Moriev Jennings Said to be depend-Abortev deprings Sand to be deposited able slarger. Has a fine near of hands for infle'der. Likes to couch a dieg athletes, and may not report in time to have a chance with Griffs.

Farry Holland—Hardly beavy enough

for this league, and apparently deemed to return to Minneapolic. The Milan See remarks on Edder

Horace Milan-Don't look at remarks on Clyde Milan. Eph is very, very green, but can run like the dickens, throw from the Cartiol to the Montment, field the his brother, and—well, it he can bit, he may stick around of he can hit, he may stick or and Arcrew shining up his panties close to the whier i Sunday

Howard Shanios-Griff a problem. Not sood enough to grab a regular berta nor kad enough to release. Time will tell. Dan Moeller-Fine base numer when he rets on. Probably doomed to be lost

## strengthen the team. Harry Sinclair, the Oklahoma ell man. Is also said to be ready to buy the GILMORE MAY LEAD GIANTS NEXT YEAR

Sinclair Purches New York Club Fed President May Head Outfit.

Cur league that the National had this year with a half dozen clubs making a fight of it till late in the season. The going to have things all their own way, "Keep your eye on the St. Louis Prowha and New York Yankees. The Yankees have spent \$67,000 for young half players hiring this off-season, which is more than has been spent by any other big league team. They

Already the pot is bubbling on the baseball riove. The addition of so many good players to the ranks of the Browns has caused the writers everywhere to get busy with their prognostications. Almost without exception the inancial responsibility of the Fedtications. Almost without exception they confeas that, for once since 1998, St. Louis may suffer from pennant thills along about next August and September. This leads us to take a peek at what Clark Griffith will have, providing he retains all he now has and obtains no more. What do you think of this dope?

Walter Johnson—Enuff sed.

Bert Gallia—Similar.

Here is described to the financial responsibility of the freather that he should stag in the game for a while longer and try to get back some of the money he has lost in the game. He has assumed the responsibility of all the players having iron-clad contracts, but not the ones having the first decides to buy the Giants he will retain McGraw as munager and will take the pick of the best of the

BOSTON, Dec. 31 .- A morger of the

the Fitchburg, Manchester, and Lewis-town clubs, of the New England League, which will be drepped from the new or-ganization, would be given an oppor-tunity to enter the combination if they

Of the Eastern Association clubs to be

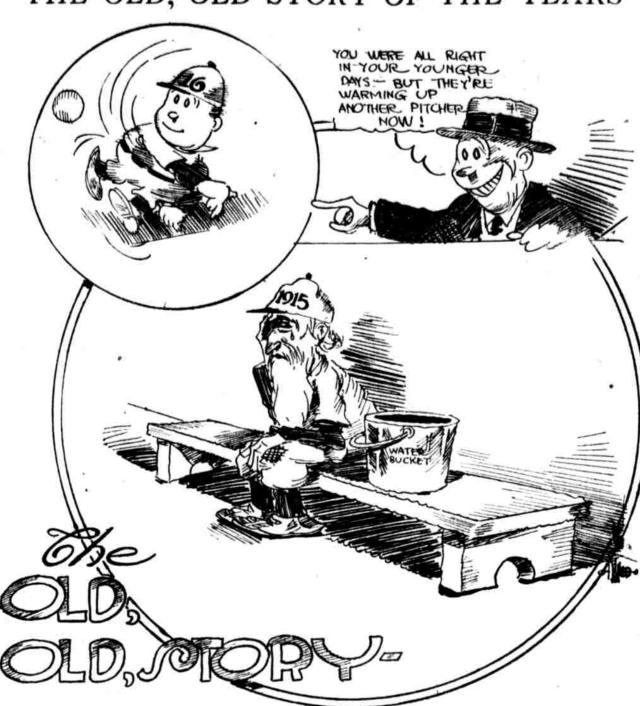
## Will Consider Offer

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Tom Jones, mar ager of Jess Willard, from New Orleans wired here today to Tom Andrews, Milwaukee promoter, that he would consider the offer of \$25,000 for a Willard-Fullon bout at Milwaukee. Jones and and Arcrews will confer here tomorrow or

#### Texas Seeks Contest.

The University of Texas has written Washington and Jefferson, asking for shuffle or Parber-Locks good in the carrangement of a football game to be played at Austu. Tex., on Turkey because he can hit. Charlie Jamieson-Looke, good enough may meet.

THE OLD, OLD STORY OF THE YEARS



### AL LAWSON LEASES PARK FOR BASEBALL Fading.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-James A. Gil- Former Union Leaguer Promoting Ten-Club Circuit in Penn-

any other big league team. They ought to get something good out of all that and besides their owners stand trady to put up more each, as is shown by their efforts to get Homestun Baket.

"St. Louis Browns, combined with the cause of the club's stock in the Gants the Lauer bisolating park, which be used to put up more each, as is shown by their efforts to get Homestun Baket.

St. Louis Browns, combined with the cause of the club's stock. Sinclair is the Lauer bisolating park, which be used to put the idea of purchasing for a time but later negotiations resulted in offer to the Calahoma oil man offer to the Chilahoma oil man of the club's stock. Sinclair is said, is willing to put \$1,560,000 for the controlling interest in the club. It is understood that Mrs. John T. Brush and some of the other men shareholders in the club are anxious to get rid of the lag for his Nationals. Counie Mack is building up his team, and you never can tell what he has up his sleeve. So inybody who thinks be willing to get out of baseball if the parties of the club are anxious to get rid of the lag for his Nationals. The holdings and as President Henry X. Hempstead has extensive business interests in Indianapolis, he also would him the parties of the willing to get out of baseball if the parties of the parties of the club are anxious to get rid of th support by lusiness men nere. His league with lave ten clubs inscoad of eight, with Leading, Allent wn. South Bethlehem. Faston Pottaville, Harris burg, Lancaster, York, Trenton, and Paterson on the list.

A meetling for the purpose of or Zanizing will be held in this city on Janizary 12 to be attended by club owners.

from all of the cities named. The Lauer park is only live minutes' walk from the heart of the city.

#### Williams Refuses Offer To Meet Harvard Again

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Dec. 31 Two years ago, when the annual foot-Two years ago, when the annual football game between Harvard and Will-tams was discontinued, it was predicted Walter Johnson—Enuff sed.

Bert Gallia—Similar.

Harry Harper—Excellent prospects of Seconing a star before October, 2016.

George Dumont—Same stuff as for Harper.

Doc Ayers—Capable flinger who needs a lot of work.

Jim Shaw—Mast show stuff before he is taken seriously.

Joe Boehling—If he sticks can pitch well in streaks, and there's no telling when the streaks are coming or going. Sam Rice—Fair prospect yet to delice.

Charlie Humphreys.

It Sinclair decides to bing in the decide of the best of the will retain McGraw as manager and will take the pick of the best of the gotiations for reviving the gridien clash with the Purple. Such has proved to be the case for, during the past week in biaseball during the last few years, sud Gilmore, "but now I am on the lookout for the money. I've had about all the experience I want. I haven to exceed the transfer of the Williams will take with the Purple at Cambridge for next all the experience I want. I haven to ceeded yet what I shall do next season. The list of opponents for Williams next fall has been practically decided upon, the schedule ceing the pick of the best of the Cambridge I mixed to the Cambridge I mixed the pick of the best of the gotiations for reviving the gridien clash with the Purple. Such has proved to be the case for, during the past week in biaseball during the last few years, and there's no telling with the Purple at Cambridge for next fall.

It sinclair getters to new York with the Purple. Such has proved to be the case for, during the past week in the will am an agreement has received notification that Harvard would not be opposed to arranging a football game with the Purple at Cambridge for next fall.

It is decided to time and experience in base past fall of the past week in the will not the Cambridge I mixed the will make negotiations for reviving the gradient class of New York.

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Teach Old Game.

was decided upon at a meeting of baseball interests held in this city vesteriday.
The two open dates on the Harvard
schedule, one of which has been offered
to Williams, are not available for the
next but has yet to prove his worth in
fact company
The new league will consist of ten
thick Gandil-Doesn't want to stay
here and lead the teath at bot.
The two open dates on the Harvard
schedule, one of which has been offered
to Williams, are not available for the
on the Saturdays mentioned. It is considered very unlikely that Williams will
workester, and Portland of he New
Low Gedeon-Star in bushess and promsing candidate for second base with
iriffmen.

Carl Sawyer-Not minte such a star in
ushes nor so promising.

## Meet Weinert in Ring from Allentown

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 -The ten-round bent between Charlie Weinert, the Newtaken into the new organization it was ark heavyweight, and Jim Eavage, of said that beside a Springfield and Hart- Orange, N. J. scheduled for the Ploneer foot. It was likely that New Haven, Sporting Chit, in West Fotty-fourth New London, and Bridgeport would be street last night, was pestpened because of an indry which savage had such med in his left shoulder while training for the course This is the accord time that a cancellation of this host has been necessary. When the From Milwaukee Club has been necessary. When the CLEVELAND, Gee. M.-Matt Brook men were nesteled to Lox several weeks and his manager, "Cheeks" Ginberg, anago, the contest was portpened because of the illness of Weinert.

#### Moeller Will Recover.

DES MOINES, In., 19ec. 31.-A New ear gift for Lunny Moetler, the Wash from his physician that he would re-tover from his serious attack of grip and soon be well on the road to health. Morller is still confined to his bed, but opes to be out in a week or so.

#### Willards Lose.

The Spiphany Midgets defeated the Willard Athletic Club by a score of 21 to 17 in yesterday's game Palmer of the Epiphany team, shot five baskets from the floor.

## Will Bring Its Stars to **Supplant Those**

By "BUGS" BAER. No sobs or sighs as the old year dies. He fades, sans friend or thought, No tear-dimned lash as the last hours flash,

For a new year holds his court. READING, Pa. Dec 31 - Al W. Law- No heart throbs swell when the parting knell

Sounds taps for a once feared wing. And the arm, once best, is but a

jest, As a new star has his fling.

For speed must fade 'neath Time's swift raid. And the eye grow dull and cold, For the clutch must slip as lean

years grip, And the new supplant the old.

You've soared by might to the sheerest height.

But crumple beneath Time's mace. The will grows weak as the years grow bleak. And a new man fills your place!

## TO BE 1916 COACH

Former Pennsylvania Gridiron Star in Great Demand to Teach Qld Game.

The two open dates on the Harvard three good offers, not including Villanova, which naturally wants him to

Ever since Sommer took his Villenova team to Allentown early in the fall and defeated Muhlenberg, the letter has lund an eye on Dutch. There is almost sure to be a change in the coaching at Muhlenberg, as George McCaa, who has directed the leam for the last two years is to take a Western job, according to the latest word.

Mullenberg wants Semmer, and he also has an attractive proposition from a big Western college. Another Eastern school would also like to enunended as coaching possibilities at

#### To Challenge Winner. CLEVELAND, Dec. 31.-Matt Brook

nounced today they would be at the ringside at Baltimore, March 17, to challenge the winner when Johnny Libbane defends his featherweight title against

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## The New Twelvemonth Will Bring Its Stars to AMATEURS' CODE IS FINALLY ARRANGED

teur and just what he must not do in order to remain one. The congress on amateurism called by the Intercollegicate Amateur Athletic Association approved a set of rules substantially the same as the rules proposed by the college officials. They will be presented to the various amateur sport governing bodies. The A. A. I. and I. C. open. our and hist what he must not do in ing boiles. The A. A. I. and I. C. A. A. A. probably will adopt the code. Here is the ruling on amuleurism:

An amateur An amateur sportsman is one who enpages in soort solety for the pleasure, onysical, mental, moral, and social benefits be derives therefrom, and to

whom sport is nothing more than an A person shall couse to be an amaby committing any of the follow-

By competing or giving an exhibition in any staletic sport under an as-sumed name, or by being guilty of any friend or other grossly unsportsmanlike conduct in connection therewith. b. By directly or indirectly receiv-in pay or inductal benefits in consid-cation of or as a reward (or participating in any public athletic compe-lition or exhibition or by disposing of prizes for personal gain.

The contenue decided in favor of namer baseball for amateurs, suggestng that each sport-governing body dopt a rule providing summer base-all should not endanger an amateurs

#### Japs Spurn a Loser And Bawl Out Umps

ing more popular than ever in Japan. They said the Japanese have developed the habit of batting the impires and that they refuse to support a losing team, much after the minner of American followers of the same.

The inability of the native teams to defeat the Americans caused a great decrease in the attendance, it was said. The Waseda University team is expect-

ed to play in the United States next In the Philippines there is much enthusiasm over baseball, though Amerieans make up most of the cetter teams it was said. Best scats sell in Manile

## In Match by 82 Pins

The Jeds managed to defeat the Gan-

dis in their match game of ten strings by 82 pins. The high game for the Jeds was 553, and for the Gandlis 526. To Wrestle Tonight.

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## A.B.C. Countries Offer To Finance Big Trip

Argentina, Brazil, and Chile Are Anxious to See Big Leaguers Play Real Baseball — Ted Sullivan Completes Arran gements for Trip,

come the touring big leaguers in is ready for the introduction of our 1916, but Argentina, Brazil, and national same. The visit of two teams Chile have expressed a willingness composed of big league stars should go for loward spreading the gospel of to aid in financing the coming trip now arranged by Ted Sullivan, the man who sent the White Sox and Giants around the world two years Giants around the world two years ago. Sullivan today practically concluded his business with delegates from South America, here in attendance at the Pan-American Congress. He now has only the details and he has proved himself a master in the art of sending athletes on long trips.

Not only will the largest countries in South America be pleased to wel-

"I am delighted with the courteous treatment I have received from the delegates from South and Central America," said Ted Sullivan today, influence such a trip will have.

## OFFERS CHAMPION \$50,000 FOR BOUTS

Jack Curley. However, Holding Out for \$60.000 for Two Short Battles.

Jess Willard can collect \$50,000 meeting Frank Moran and Jim Coffes n two ten-round bouts in New York if he wants it. He doesn't for he is holding out for \$00,000. Until the New York offer was made today. Milwaukee was the only city in the country show ing any desire to witness the world's champion in action, even against fourth-rater like Fred Fulton, Milwankee is willing to pay Willard \$5,000, but the titleholder is expected to turn

Conference at New York Says

What Must Be Done for Athletes to "Be Pure."

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—The amsteur athlete today knows why he is an amateur and just what he rust not do in the gate receipts being large enough to pay that amount. enough to pay that amount.

It was stated that Moran had been of It was stated that Moran had been of-fered \$7,500 to box the champion, but the Pittsburgh boxer's manager said that unless a better offer was forth-coming Moran would not bother about the title holder, as there was more money in ten-round contexts at the big

Manager Jimmy Johnston of the Gar Manager Jimmy Johnston of the Gal-den stid he was waiting to see what the public thought of the Moran-Coffey contest before closing any deal with Willard, although his offer of \$25,000 for a hout between the champion and a heavyweight selected by the club still

#### Referees May Be Able To Give Decisions Soon

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-Referee's decisions in New York's ten-round figure were seen in prospect teday following the reappointment of Boxing commisioner Ered Wenck by Governor Whit Wenck is known to favor decsions despite the fact that the decision feature dealt the boxing game a knockout druing the days of the Horton

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The University of Cheago basebell cam returned to Chicago today after a telp through the Orient of more than 10,000 miles. The athletes reported that caraball is crowling more popular then even in terms. Wenck believes conditions have so

#### Retains His Job.

At the annual meeting of the Washington Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, held vesterday at the Washington ball club's office, Louis A. Dougher, sperting editor of The Washington Times, was re-elected local representative for 1916. Only routine business was transacted.

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#### Carroll Protest Will Come Up in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—The registration committee of the South Atlantic Association of the A. A. U. will meet on Monday, evening, January 3, at \$ o'clock, to hear from the Baltimore members in regard to the Carroll Institute's protest of the cross-country race being too short. The session will be held at \$91 Garrett building. The members of the registration committee are Dr. William Burdick, chairman; Joseph J. Rettaliata, and Charles J. Dean.

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